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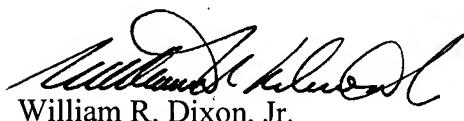
In re Application of :  
Robert Norman Rice et al :  
Serial No.: 10/081,646 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Filed: February 22, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 37921-2 :  
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed February 22, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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